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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 6-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

Information disclosure statement filed 8/28/2006 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al. (US 2003/0184694 A1).

Chang discloses a transfective liquid crystal display comprising a plurality of pixels each comprising sub-pixels corresponding to different colors (paragraph 0016); a color filter that is patterned in correspondence with said sub-pixels ('200' Fig. 1; paragraph 0016); a translector having sub-pixel portions aligned with corresponding sub-pixels of the display (paragraph 0016) and comprising light absorbing means wherein sub-pixel portions corresponding to different colors have mutually different light absorption ratios (paragraph 0008, 0016, 0019, 0023);

further comprising a black matrix ('29') that separates the sub-pixels from each other (paragraph 0023);

wherein an area ratio between transmissive and reflective portions of the translector is different between sub-pixels of different colors (paragraph 0023);

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wherein the color filter is arranged such that it coincides with parts of the reflective portions of the translector (Fig. 1-2).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 6-8 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: as discussed above, a transfective liquid crystal display device having absorbing means such that different color sub-pixels have mutually different light absorbing ratios, is known in the art.

However, none of the prior art fairly teaches or suggests such transfective liquid crystal display having a black matrix that is made of same light absorbing material as the light absorbing means that gives different light absorbing ratios mentioned above, as claimed in claim 3 of the present application. Further, none of the prior art fairly teaches or suggests a transfective liquid crystal display device having color filter associated with transmissive portions of the translector having a stronger color filtering effect than second portions of the color filter associated with reflective portions of the translector as claimed in claim 6 of the present application. Additionally, none of the prior art fairly teaches or suggests a transfective liquid crystal display device where the thickness of the color filter in portions that coincide with reflective portions differs between sub-pixels of different colors, as claimed in claim 8 of the present application.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUNG H. PAK whose telephone number is (571)272-2353. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 9AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Uyen-Chau Le can be reached on (571)272-2397. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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